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HOUSE BILL 1184

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

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AN ACT

RELATING TO WATER; ESTABLISHING PROPERTIES AND ELEMENTS OF
NATURAL WATERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of Chapter 72, Article 1 NMSA
1978 is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] NATURAL WATERS--PROPERTIES AND ELEMENTS.--

The physical properties of and all elements contained in
natural waters within the state are part of the waters
belonging to the public that are subject to appropriation for
beneficial use. Physical properties and elements include
physiochemical properties of water, heat contained within
water, naturally occurring minerals dissolved in water,
minerals or chemicals dissolved in water due to human
activities and the hydrogen and oxygen that form the chemical

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